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(54) Title: METHODS FOR DIAGNOSING AND TREATING SCHIZOPHRENIA

(57) Abstract: The genes encoding SCYA2, GADD45B, S100A8, CDKN1A, IL1RL1, TGM2, MAFF, SERPINA3, GRO1, CD14, KIAA1075, CHI3L1, SERPINH1, MT1X, KIAA0620, TIMP1, NUMA1, DDIT3 and TOB2, are upregulated in the anterior cingulate of schizophrenic patients compared to normal patients and as such are useful drug targets for schizophrenia. Methods of screening, diagnosing and treating schizophrenia based on these genes are provided. Transgenic nonhuman animals having increased copy number or increased expression levels of these genes are also provided. The transgenic nonhuman animals are used in methods for screening for potential therapeutic agents.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claims 9–17, 29 and 30 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. Claims Nos.: because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:
1–30 (partially)

Remark on Protest

- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Continuation of Box I.1

Although claims 9-17, 29 and 30 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-30 (partially)

Method for screening or diagnosing for schizophrenia wherein the expression of a gene is determined, methods of treatment, non-human transgenic animals, and methods of screening based on the presence/production of said gene, wherein said gene is small inducible cytokine A2.

2. claims: 1-30 (partially)

Method for screening or diagnosing for schizophrenia wherein the expression of a gene is determined, methods of treatment, non-human transgenic animals, and methods of screening based on the presence/production of said gene, wherein said gene is growth arrest and DNA-damage-inducible beta.

3. claims: 1-30 (partially)

Method for screening or diagnosing for schizophrenia wherein the expression of a gene is determined, methods of treatment, non-human transgenic animals, and methods of screening based on the presence/production of said gene, wherein said gene is S100 calcium binding protein A8.

4. claims: 1-30 (partially)

Method for screening or diagnosing for schizophrenia wherein the expression of a gene is determined, methods of treatment, non-human transgenic animals, and methods of screening based on the presence/production of said gene, wherein said gene is cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor 1A p21/Cip1.

5. claims: 1-30 (partially)

Method for screening or diagnosing for schizophrenia wherein the expression of a gene is determined, methods of treatment, non-human transgenic animals, and methods of screening based on the presence/production of said gene, wherein said gene is interleukin 1 receptor-like 1.

6. claims: 1-30 (partially)

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Method for screening or diagnosing for schizophrenia wherein the expression of a gene is determined, methods of treatment, non-human transgenic animals, and methods of screening based on the presence/production of said gene, wherein said gene is transglutaminase.

7. claims: 1-30 (partially)

Method for screening or diagnosing for schizophrenia wherein the expression of a gene is determined, methods of treatment, non-human transgenic animals, and methods of screening based on the presence/production of said gene, wherein said gene is V-maf musculo aponeurotic fibrosarcoma oncogene homolog F.

8. claims: 1-30 (partially)

Method for screening or diagnosing for schizophrenia wherein the expression of a gene is determined, methods of treatment, non-human transgenic animals, and methods of screening based on the presence/production of said gene, wherein said gene is serine or cysteine proteinase inhibitor clade A member 3.

9. claims: 1-30 (partially)

Method for screening or diagnosing for schizophrenia wherein the expression of a gene is determined, methods of treatment, non-human transgenic animals, and methods of screening based on the presence/production of said gene, wherein said gene is GRO1 oncogene melanoma growth stimulating activity alpha.

10. claims: 1-30 (partially)

Method for screening or diagnosing for schizophrenia wherein the expression of a gene is determined, methods of treatment, non-human transgenic animals, and methods of screening based on the presence/production of said gene, wherein said gene is CD14 antigen.

11. claims: 1-30 (partially)

Method for screening or diagnosing for schizophrenia wherein the expression of a gene is determined, methods of treatment, non-human transgenic animals, and methods of screening based on the presence/production of said gene, wherein said gene is tensin 2.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

12. claims: 1-30 (partially)

Method for screening or diagnosing for schizophrenia wherein the expression of a gene is determined, methods of treatment, non-human transgenic animals, and methods of screening based on the presence/production of said gene, wherein said gene is chitinase 3-like 1, cartilage glycoprotein-39.

13. claims: 1-30 (partially)

Method for screening or diagnosing for schizophrenia wherein the expression of a gene is determined, methods of treatment, non-human transgenic animals, and methods of screening based on the presence/production of said gene, wherein said gene is serine or cysteine proteinase inhibitor clade H.

14. claims: 1-30 (partially)

Method for screening or diagnosing for schizophrenia wherein the expression of a gene is determined, methods of treatment, non-human transgenic animals, and methods of screening based on the presence/production of said gene, wherein said gene is metallothionein 1X.

15. claims: 1-30 (partially)

Method for screening or diagnosing for schizophrenia wherein the expression of a gene is determined, methods of treatment, non-human transgenic animals, and methods of screening based on the presence/production of said gene, wherein said gene is KIAA0620 protein.

16. claims: 1-30 (partially)

Method for screening or diagnosing for schizophrenia wherein the expression of a gene is determined, methods of treatment, non-human transgenic animals, and methods of screening based on the presence/production of said gene, wherein said gene is tissue inhibitor of metalloproteinase 1.

17. claims: 1-30 (partially)

Method for screening or diagnosing for schizophrenia wherein the expression of a gene is determined, methods of treatment, non-human transgenic animals, and methods of screening based on the presence/production of said gene, wherein said gene is nuclear mitotic apparatus protein 1.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

18. claims: 1-30 (partially)

Method for screening or diagnosing for schizophrenia wherein the expression of a gene is determined, methods of treatment, non-human transgenic animals, and methods of screening based on the presence/production of said gene, wherein said gene is DNA-damage-inducible transcript 3.

19. claims: 1-30 (partially)

Method for screening or diagnosing for schizophrenia wherein the expression of a gene is determined, methods of treatment, non-human transgenic animals, and methods of screening based on the presence/production of said gene, wherein said gene is transducer of ERBB2.

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